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SUBJ: LNOC DEVELOPMENT OF WESTERN LIBYA OIL FIELD

1. JAMES MONTGOMERY OF CREST ENGINEERING CALLED ON ECONOFF JUNE 19 TO ANNOUNCE THAT CREST HAS LETTER OF INTENT FROM LIBYAN NATIONAL OIL COMPANY (LNOC) FOR US \$750 THOUSAND CONSULTANT'S CONTRACT ON LNOC DEVELOPMENT OF RELINQUISHED GULF OIL CO. FIELD IN WESTERN LIBYA. CREST, WHICH WON CONTRACT IN COMPETITION WITH DUTCH, FRENCH, BRITISH AND ITALIAN FIRMS, WILL PROVIDE SURVEY, PLANNING, DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISION AND TRAINING OF LIBYANS IN FIELD DEVELOPMENT AND PIPE LINE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT ON WHICH EXPEDITURES OF US \$114 MILLION ARE PLANNED IN NEXT TWO YEARS.

2. MONTGOMERY SAYS CREST WAS NOT REPEAT NOT LOW BIDDER AND THAT LNOC NEGOTIATORS OPENLY STATED THEIR DECISION BASED UPON SUPERIOR AMERICAN EXPERTISE.

3. COMMENT: IT APPEARS LNOC STILL AWARE NO ONE GETS OIL OUT OF THE GROUND LIKE AMERICANS DO. BELIEVE  
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LIBYANS WILL CONTINUE TO IGNORE POLITICS WHEN DEVELOP-  
ING THE OIL AND, FOR THAT MATTER, ALL HIGHLY TECHNICAL  
SECTORS OF THEIR ECONOMY. WE ALSO CAN COUNT ON U. S.  
FIRMS GETTING GOOD SLICE OF US \$114 MILLION IN OTHER  
EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES SALES ON THIS PROJECT.  
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